

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

*Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from France, Germany, Italy, Japan,
Korea, Mexico, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom*

Inv. Nos. 701-TA-381-382 and 731-TA-797-804 (Review)

On September 7, 2004, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5).

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from two domestic producers, Allegheny Ludlum Corp. and North American Stainless, and three unions, the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, the Local 3303 United Auto Workers, and the Zanesville Armco Independent Organization, Inc. It also received an adequate response with company-specific data from a domestic producer Nucor Corporation. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for all U.S. production of stainless steel sheet and strip, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from France, the Commission received an adequate response with company-specific data from Ugine & ALZ France, an importer of subject merchandise produced in France, and from U&A France, a French producer and exporter of the subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all production of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in France and all exports of subject merchandise to the United States from France, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from France was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from France*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Germany, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from ThyssenKrupp Nirosta GmbH, ThyssenKrupp Nirosta North America, Inc., ThyssenKrupp Specialty Steels NA, Inc., ThyssenKrupp VDM GmbH, and ThyssenKrupp VDM USA, Inc., German producers and U.S. importers of subject merchandise from Germany. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all production of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in Germany and all imports of subject merchandise from Germany to the United States, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Germany was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Germany*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Italy, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni S.p.A., an Italian producer, and ThyssenKrupp AST USA, Inc., a U.S. importer of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all production of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in Italy and all imports of subject merchandise from Italy to the United States, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Italy was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Italy*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Korea, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from POSCO, INI Steel Co., BNG Steel Co., Taihan Electric Wire Co., Ltd., and Dai Yang Metal Co., Ltd., Korean producers and exporters of subject merchandise. Because the

Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the exports of subject merchandise from Korea to the United States, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Korea was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Korea*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Mexico, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V., a Mexican producer, and Mexinox USA, Inc., a U.S. importer of subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing all production of subject stainless steel sheet and strip in Mexico and all imports of subject merchandise from Mexico to the United States, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response from Mexico was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from Mexico*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Japan, Taiwan, or the United Kingdom. Therefore, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group responses from those countries were inadequate. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews with respect to Japan, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom to promote administrative efficiency in light of its decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip from France, Germany, Italy, Korea, and Mexico*. A record of the Commissioners' votes is available from the Office of the Secretary and the Commission's website (<http://www.usitc.gov>).